



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished  
Budget Presentation  
Award*

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**Town of Northborough**

**Massachusetts**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

**July 1, 2019**

*Christopher P. Morill*

Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association has awarded Northborough its tenth, consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award! The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Budget Presentation to the Town of Northborough for its annual budget document for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 (FY2020). The Town of Northborough was one of only a handful of municipalities in the Commonwealth to receive this distinction, which is the highest award offered in public budgeting.

According to the latest information available from GFOA, only 27 other municipalities in MA achieved the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award for FY2019. A point of interest is that over a dozen of the newest award winners in Massachusetts are communities that were either assisted by Northborough or introduced to GFOA best practices at one of our state-wide training sessions. During 2019, Northborough provided training sessions on budgeting best practices and long-range financial planning for the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association (MMMA), the Association of Town Finance Committees Annual Conference, several individual municipalities and Suffolk University.

The key significance of this tenth award is that it shows the Town of Northborough's commitment to a high level of excellence and continuous improvement. There have been various communities that achieved this award once or twice over the years, but few were able to sustain that level of excellence. The process and the budget document itself must improve every year in order to receive this award.